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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 19, 1968

James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., was returned safely to the United States today.

British authorities turned Ray over yesterday evening to the custody of FBI Agents, who accompanied him on a nonstop flight from London aboard a U. S. Air Force C-135 to Memphis, Tennessee.

The plane left Great Britain at 7:38 p.m., EDT, yesterday and arrived at the Memphis Naval Air Station at 4:37 a.m., EDT, today.

Upon arrival he was turned over by the FBI to the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and was lodged in the Shelby County jail.

The transportation of Ray to the United States was accomplished without incident.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLIFF SESSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Attached is a press release concerning the return of James Earl Ray to the United States which I thought you might like to make available to the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo dated 7/17/68, captioned: "MURKIN."

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